

October 30, 1943.

Mr. Percy H. Johnston, Chairman,
Chemical Bank & Trust Company,
165 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Johnston:

Your letter of October 25 has been received during Mr. Carter's absence from the state.

Mr. Carter's son is a prisoner of war in a German prison camp located in Poland. He was originally located near Kassel and as near as we can determine, he was moved in May or June to an all American prisoner of war camp in Poland, about 100 miles south of Danzig. We hear from him all the way from four to seven weeks and all of his letters seem in good spirits, although he has lost 40 pounds weight and receives only two meals a day. Last week we received a letter dated in September acknowledging his first parcel sent from here in April. He also intimated that he was receiving letters from home, although he heard nothing from the time of his capture in February until in June. He told us in a letter dated July 4 that they had been given a special treat that day as they had had oatmeal for breakfast and they had never had oatmeal or breakfast previously. He also seemed elated over the permission to sing that day and said that they could not sing their National Anthem but were permitted to sing "God Bless America" and that later the boys sang their various state songs and that the Texans (7) really "went to town on 'Deep in the Heart of Texas'"

There is no possibility of an exchange of prisoners in so far as he is concerned, for only those totally disable for combat duty through illness or injuries are exchanged, so our only hope is for the war to end as quickly as possible.

I am sure Mr. Carter will appreciate your interest in his son and the thought which prompted you to make the inquiry.

Yours very truly,